



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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Reply To
Attn Of: OW-130

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Ron Morris
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Services
222 W Seventh Avenue, #43
Anchorage, Alaska 99513-7577

RE: John M. Asplund Water Pollution Control Facility
Municipality of Anchorage

Dear Mr. Morris:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of developing a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit reissuance for the above referenced facility. In association with the NPDES permit, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has submitted to EPA State adopted site-specific criteria (SSC) for metals for the upper Cook Inlet - Point Woronzoff area. EPA has the responsibility to review and approve or disapprove any water quality standards revisions including SSC developed and adopted by Alaska DEC. EPA reissuance of the NPDES permit and EPA approval of SSC are considered federal actions which are subject to the consultation requirements of Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act. To assist us in drafting the NPDES permit and reviewing the water quality standards revisions, we would like to know if there are any threatened or endangered species under your jurisdiction present at the specific location of the discharge or within the area delineated as the "site" where the SSC apply.

Please provide us a list of any threatened or endangered species present at the following source location or within the site. The specific geographic information for the NPDES permit follows :

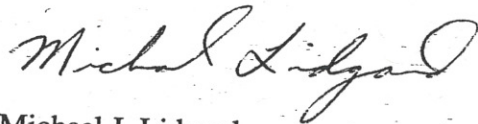
Facility Name

Type of facility:	municipal wastewater treatment facility
Discharge:	treated domestic wastewater
Receiving Waters:	Knik Arm of Cook Inlet
Location of Outfall:	Anchorage, Alaska
Latitude:	61 DEG. 12 MIN. 22.5 SEC.
Longitude:	150 DEG. 01 MIN. 08.7 SEC.

The Alaska DEC submittal to EPA includes a map delineating the extent of the area where the site-specific criteria will apply. Two maps are enclosed for your reference and clarification. The first map shows the Pt. Woronzoff area and the NPDES outfall location. The second map shows the delineation of the site. On December 10, 1998, Alaska DEC adopted the most recent EPA metals criteria published in the Federal Register for the site. The metals criteria for the site involve changes to the numeric values of the criteria and the form of the metals (dissolved).

Thank you for your timely attention to this species list request. If you have any questions about the NPDES permit, please contact me at (206) 553-1755. Questions regarding the SSC criteria can be directed to Sally Brough of our Water Quality Unit at (206) 553-1295.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael J. Lidgard".

Michael J. Lidgard
NPDES Permit Unit

Enclosures

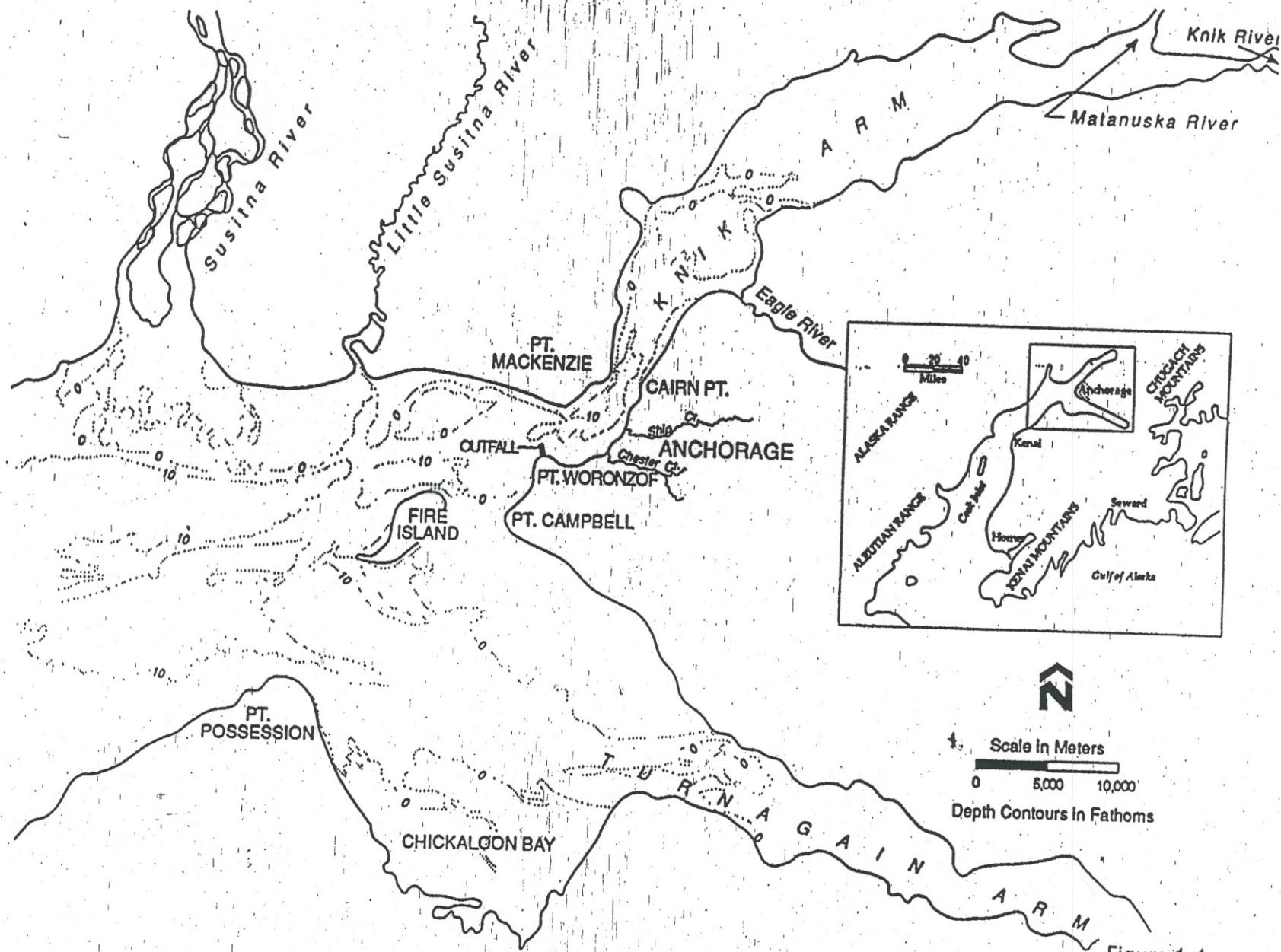


Figure 1-1
Location Map

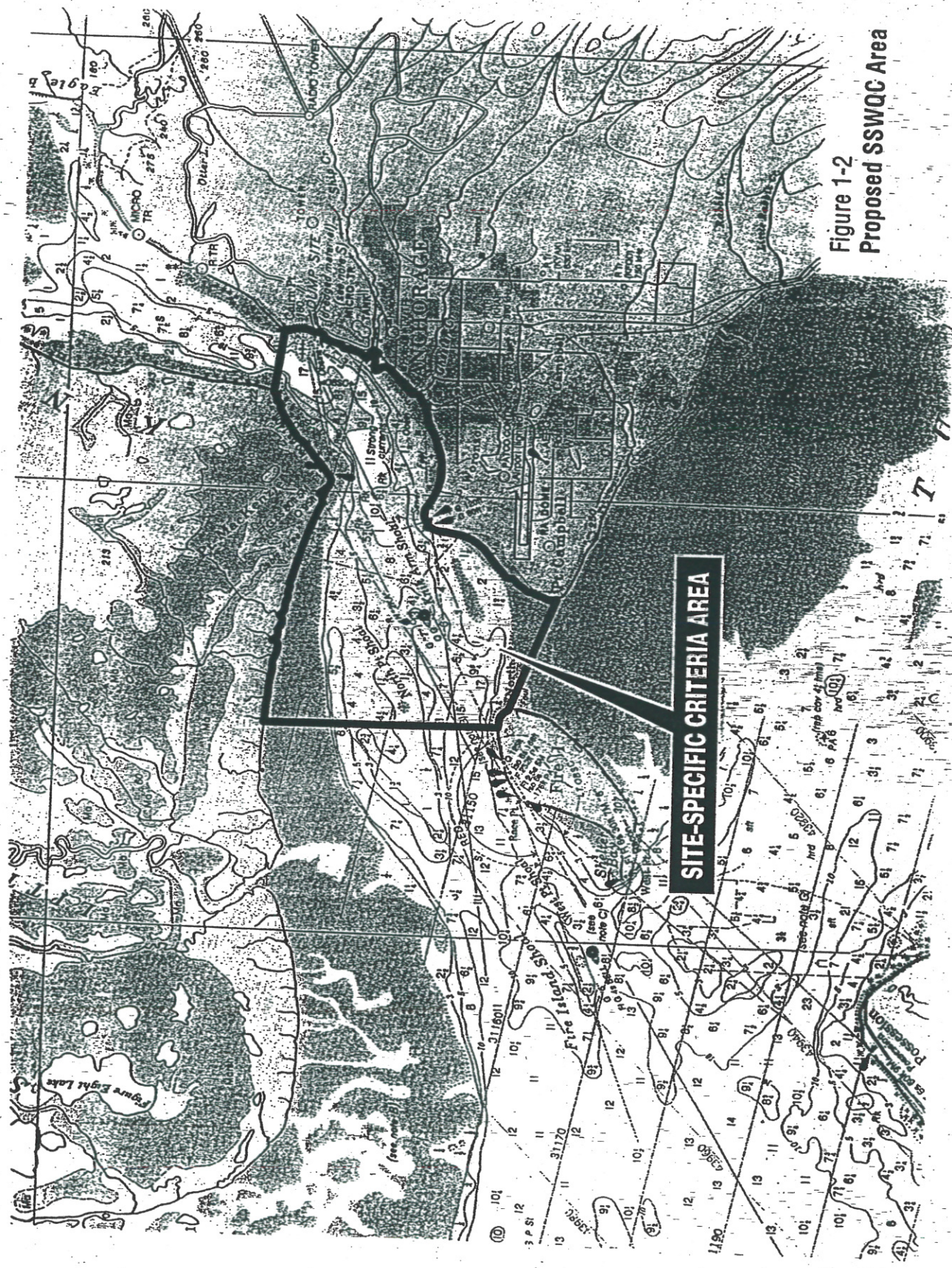


Figure 1-2
Proposed SSWQC Area